

**Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee
Member Discussion
September 17, 2009**

Bonna Bauer	Mercy Clermont Hospital	Hospital
Karen Blades	CC EMA	Emergency Management
Ed Humphrey	Board of County Commissioners/Co-Chair	Elected Officials
Gene Langschwager	CC EMA	Radiological Officer
Hanna Lubbers	CC OEQ	Environmental
Beth Nevel	CC EMA/Co-Chair	Emergency Management
Rob Perry	Clermont County Health District	Health
Tom Patt	Duke Energy	Facility Operator
Guests In Attendance		
Rick Ginn	Wright Brothers	guest

Call to Order/Introduction/Pledge of Allegiance

Beth Nevel called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made.

Rob Perry made a motion to approve the June 18, 2009 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ed Humphrey and the motion was passed.

Ongoing Business

Membership Applications:

Applications have been submitted to SERT for approval.

Spill Reports:

There was one spill report in the third quarter. A casual conversation with Tom Patt of Duke Energy led to an informational and interesting discussion of the Spill at Zimmer. The initial report called into the Communication Center reported 945 lbs of ammonia vapor were released. When reviewed by Duke Engineers it was determined to be approximately 26 lbs of ammonia released. The quantity was in the report Duke sent to the Clermont County LEPC.

Tier II Reports

82 reports were submitted for 2008 reporting period. Non compliance reports were sent to the facilities who had previously reported. There were 27 EHS facilities reported in 2008. The majority of the EHS reported is sulfuric acid used in batteries.

Committee Reports

SOFEMS cancelled training class the LEPC is due a \$1000.00 refund.

2009 HMEP is a reimbursement grant; \$1500.00 of the grant monies wasn't spent therefore not used.

2010 SERT Grant award has been increased. Beth Nevel asked the additional funding be spent on staffing salaries.

Training

Cincinnati State received a PUCO Grant which offers free hazmat training for all. This grant funds instructors and materials therefore no cost to the students.

The \$1500.00 not reimbursed in the 2009 HMEP Grant came from the training requirement deliverable. Upon request of a committee member, research was conducted regarding purchasing DVD's and other training videos. The grant will not reimburse this or back fill salaries to cover training. The grant will pay for training fees, travel, student housing and per diem cost.

The LEPC goes on record thanking the Exercise Committee for their work on the full scale exercise held this summer.

New Business

The first year of the 4 year exercise cycle beginning July 1, 2009 will conclude June 30, 2010. There is a state wide table top exercise scheduled in March of 2010. Clermont County LEPC will participate in this exercise and it will

satisfy one of our exercise requirements. The State EOC is to be activated as part of this exercise and has limited 16 counties to participate. There are 2 counties per region participating, in our region it is Fayette and Clermont. We are participating, but will have our own exercise. There will be a need to establish an exercise planning committee. The weather conditions for the exercise will be a statewide blizzard. We will use this to develop our own scenarios. OEMA will conduct special facilitator training and we will need to do the required 60 day notice.

ORC Section 3750 is being revised changing the exercise requirements to include all hazards. This expands the scope of the exercise to include homeland security concerns as well as industrial chemical incidents. This should be accomplished in the next 2 years and could influence our exercises. Rob Perry believes the LEPC should remain true to chemical emergencies in our exercise planning scenario.

Current legislation, Senate Bill 9 closed the liability gap for volunteers. Volunteers who are registered at Serve Ohio are covered during a Declared Disaster. Changes in ORC Section 5202 would include the liability protection extended during exercises and training.

Beth Nevel briefly discussed the new county structure regarding EMA. The EMA Director will now be a part time position and split out from 9-1-1. Beth Nevel recommends to the committee the budget increase of \$7000.00 be applied to offset salary/staffing for dedicated LEPC activities.

Rob Perry made the following motion it was seconded by Tom Patt.

Allow Clermont County EMA to use those additional SERT funds to augment EMA salaries for LEPC activities.

After a brief discussion the motion was voted on and passed.

Old Business

Full Scale Exercise review; a letter has been forwarded to SERC recommending concurrence on our last exercise. We met our objectives with minor corrections suggested.

The LEPC is required to review the Plan each year and either adopt or amend the plan.

A motion was made by Ed Humphrey and seconded by Gene Langschwager.

The Clermont County LEPC Plan is adopted without changes for the year beginning October 18, 2008 and ending October 17, 2009.

The motion was passed.

Meeting schedule for 2010 was discussed.

A motion was made by Ed Humphrey and seconded by Bonna Bauer.

The scheduled December meeting is cancelled. The meeting schedule for 2010 is as follows: The LEPC will meet in a special meeting on January 21, 2010, and thereafter will meet on March 18, 2010, June 17, 2010, and September 16, 2010. The LEPC meets quarterly the third Thursday of the month.

Ed Humphrey invited the LEPC members to Beth Nevel's retirement party.

The LEPC viewed US Chemical Safety Board Emergency Preparedness: Findings from CSB Accident Investigation Video Presentation and afterwards briefly discussed.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is January 21, 2010 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 A.M. This meeting will be held in the Engineers Conference Room, 2381 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia 45103. The location for the remainder of 2010 meetings is to be determined.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Gene Langschwager and seconded by Ed Humphrey. It was voted and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 A.M.